



**Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee**

**Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2008 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall**

Policy Committee minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings are on file with the City of Bloomington Planning Department.

Attendance

Policy Committee: Susie Johnson (City of Bloomington Public Works Department), Jack Baker (Citizens Advisory Committee), Andy Ruff (City Council), Bill Williams (Monroe County Highway Department), Iris Kiesling (Monroe County Commissioner), Lynn Coyne (Indiana University), Sophia Travis (Monroe County Council), Tom Micuda (City of Bloomington Planning—proxy for Mark Krusan), and Kent McDaniel (Bloomington Transit).

Others: Lewis May (Bloomington Transit), Adrian Reid (Bloomington Engineering), Chris Sturbaum (City Council), Josh Desmond (MPO Staff), Raymond Hess (MPO Staff), and Scott Robinson (MPO Staff).

I. Call to Order**II. Approval of Minutes:**

A. March 7, 2008--Lynn Coyne moved approval of the minutes. Iris Kiesling seconded. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

III. Communications from the Chair**IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees****A. Citizens Advisory Committee**

Jack Baker reported that Scott Truax from Ball State University met with the CAC. The CAC plans to work with them this year on a project. Mr. McDaniel noted Ball State's extensive work in Indianapolis, especially on alternative transportation. Mr. Sturbaum asked if Ball State would be able to coordinate a survey of City streets. Mr. Hess said that Ball State can either work on community charettes or project-specific services.

Some members of the CAC are unhappy that the plans for the SR 45/46 bypass project are 10 years old and that INDOT is planning to proceed with a project that a lot of people think is outdated. They plan to provide some feedback on the plans to INDOT.

B. Technical Advisory Committee

Adrian Reid reported that the Fee Lane intersection realignment project and the Country Club and Rogers improvement project were let yesterday. It looks like they will go ahead.

V. Reports from the MPO Staff**A. 3rd Quarter FY 2008 Progress Report**

Raymond Hess provided the report for the Policy Committee's review.

VI. Old Business**A. Unified Planning Work Program FY 2009-2010**

Josh Desmond presented the program. There have been positive recommendations from the TAC and the CAC. It has been approved by INDOT and FHWA. Pursuant to a recommendation from



the CAC, the north campus area study and W. 2nd St. feasibility descriptions were revised to include the provision of public participation. The north campus area study description was also revised to include north/south connectivity. There is also a revised signature page for the self-certification statement.

Lynn Coyne moved approval to adopt as presented. Jack Baker seconded the motion. There was a voice vote for unanimous approval.

B. Transportation Improvement Program FY 2009-2012

Mr. Hess presented the draft TIP document. Staff will seek approval at the Policy Committee's June 13th meeting. Public notices have been published in the newspaper. No written comments have been received to date. People can attend the CAC, TAC or Policy meeting to express verbal comments as well. Andy Ruff was concerned with the timeline of INDOT's E. 10th St. project to which Mr. Hess and Mr. Micuda explained that the TIP reflects current discussions between the State, the City, and IU.

VII. New Business

A. Safe Routes to School Grant Applications

Mr. Hess presented a memo. The SRTS committee has identified two projects: the infrastructure project is to implement minor infrastructure improvements at Summit and Childs Elementary, Jackson Creek Middle School and Harmony School; the non-infrastructure project would be for MCCSC to develop SRTS plans for several schools including University, Highland Park, Fairview, Tri-North, Arlington, Rogers/Binford and St. Charles. These plans are highly recommended by the State especially if infrastructure funding is sought in the future. The CAC and TAC have recommended endorsement of both of these applications which need to be submitted by May 30.

Lynn Coyne moved to approve the grant applications. Andy Ruff seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

VIII. Communications from Committee Members

Mr. McDaniel said that the BT board voted to participate in a grant program that will help pay additional costs of upgrading to hybrid buses. Lew May said that this would allow BT to order 4 additional hybrid buses in December. Mr. May said BT has had 2 hybrid buses for almost a year and a half in service and they have been problem free. Mr. May said if they are successful in securing grant funds, they will need to submit a TIP amendment.

Sophia Travis noted that Monroe County Plan Commission is still updating the Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the County and encouraged participation.

Ms. Johnson asked about the development of the HSIP application process. Mr. Desmond said that is the next project staff will be working on.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Technical Advisory Committee – May 23, 2008; 1:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)
- B. Citizens Advisory Committee – May 28, 2008; 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)
- C. Policy Committee – June 13, 2008; 1:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

Adjournment

*These minutes were _____ by the Policy Committee at their regular meeting held on 6/13/08.
(RCH ___/___/2008)*